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8:00 P.M.

— Refreshments —

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. Pugh, 33°

The Christmas Open House in our Temple was one of the most beautiful affairs imaginable! From 3:30 o'clock until 6 o'clock in the evening of December 14th several hundred people poured through and enjoyed the beautiful Christmas decorations, to say nothing of the period of cordial fellowship enjoyed as they mingled together in the beautifully decorated C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall. The Temple was decorated once again with both the religious and the festive theme of Christmas carried out on separate floors. The first floor was decorated with the religious theme, the central feature of which was a life size representation of the manger scene. The second floor carried out the festive element of Christmas with the lighted Christmas tree and Santa Claus arriving in his sled pulled by several deer. The lovely decorations added profusely to the Christmas atmosphere.

This Open House was a tremendous success, as the five preceding ones have been. Many Brethren and their families took advantage of the opportunity to visit their Temple. Many of the ladies who came were enjoying their first visit to our new Temple, as we like to refer to it following completion of the program of renovations. The Banquet Hall, of course, was the scene of most of the activities, because it was here that a bountiful supply of refreshments was served from a beautifully decorated center table.

Perhaps the largest crowd to visit the Temple came around 4:30 P.M. because it was during this period that Santa Claus himself arrived and gave not only liberal attention to the children who were present in large numbers, but he also entertained the adults as well. Santa Claus, by all means, was the star attraction of the afternoon, and he contributed much towards making the occasion a tremendous success.

And now we look forward to the approaching Reunion, April 6, 7 and 8, 1976. In carrying out our theme which has been observed for the last several Reunions, and in which we selected a theme which would point to the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976, we decided to use our Spring Reunion as a climax of our patriotic activities. Accordingly the name of the next Reunion is "The Declaration of Independence Reunion", and in keeping with the theme of our 200 years of history we are making an extra special effort to have 200 members in our class of candidates. Long ago we gave up the idea of establishing a numerical goal for each Reunion, but this forthcoming event certainly offers the greatest motivation we have ever had for establishing a goal in keeping with the Bicentennial theme. Hence, the number **200** for the class! Surely this goal can be achieved at this time!

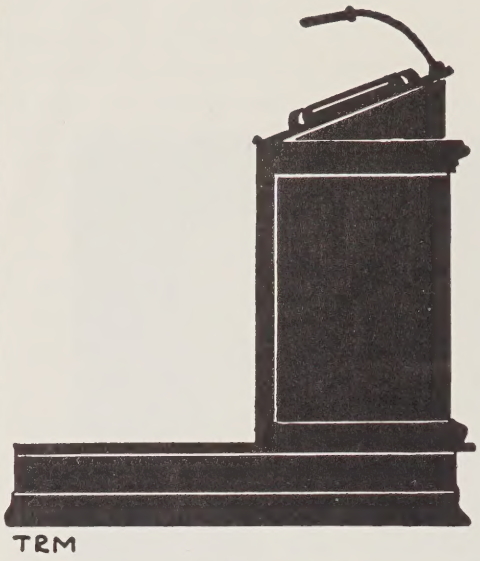
Would you like a good motivating start? Here it is: In a special article in this issue you will read the story of the triplets who have recently been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and ALL THREE OF THEM HAVE ALREADY TURNED IN THEIR PETITIONS!!! Can you beat that? The first time in the history of any Consistory in North Carolina, and perhaps the first time in the country has such an achievement of such significance been reached. Use this point as a selling point in making your contacts and we will have no trouble getting the 200 in April.

All of us in the office sincerely hope and pray that the New Year will bring to you the peace and happiness you so much desire and deserve.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Sincerely,



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

"I BELIEVE"

I am proud of my membership in this Consistory and in Free-Masonry, one of the greatest Fraternities, if not the greatest in the world. No organization of men bound together has ever grown as large or exerted so great an influence upon the lives of men, other than the Church of Jesus Christ. The fact that it has grown and is still growing proves that it is founded on a solid foundation and that it has met the needs of the people.

I believe in the Scottish Rite because of its principles that tend to lift one up and help him become a bigger and better person for having come this way. I believe in Free-Masonry because it is helping to make this world of ours better than it was before. I believe that there is more charity and brotherly love among men than before. I believe there is a greater disposition to extend a helping hand to those who are down and to lift them up to a higher and purer atmosphere than they have lived in before. I believe this condition is true because this spirit of Fraternityship is being taught and instilled in the hearts of our people by those who love it and try to live it.

The very essence of our Fraternity is the spirit of love and truth taught by HIM who came at Christmas Time and later died upon the cross for us. He taught and lived the lessons that we aspire to teach and live. Yes, our Christmas came from HIM who came to show us the truth and the way; as our gift from God the Father to His Children.

It means a lot to be a Mason, it means more to try to live it among men and women everywhere. If you do not believe in the first Christmas, then, I ask you not to believe in His Life, the Death, the Crucifixion, Easter, the Resurrection and Immortality . . . If you do not believe — What do you have left? . . . NOTHING!

The Prophets prophesied His Coming, His Birth, Christmas, His Death, Crucifixion and Resurrection . . . YES, I BELIEVE.

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Two Hundred For The Two Hundredth!!

Yes, the start for the "Declaration of Independence" Reunion has now been made. It has been made in an excellent style. Elsewhere in this issue you are told of the petitions from the three triplets: Charles Roy Evans and his brother Lemuel Lee Evans, both from Elizabeth City and both petitions recommended by Walter T. Kirby, 33° and James M. Gard, 32°. The third brother of the triplets is James Gill Evans who lives in Greenville, North Carolina and who works for the Burroughs Pharmaceutical Company. These boys were born in 1951, thus making them 24 years of age, a wonderful age in which to start a career in Masonry!!

What better year for them to make that start than the year of our National Bicentennial Celebration!! and what better place for them to find that "Further Light" in Masonry than in the beautiful degrees of the Scottish Rite as they are portrayed by our dedicated brethren throughout the Valley of New Bern.

Another petition came in this morning! This one came from Brother Carl Eugene Scheer who is in the Marine Corp and who is living in Havelock. This petition was signed by Brother James L. Smith and also by Brother Charles L. Rexroad (Brother Rexroad was a member of our last class of candidates).

Brethren, we are on the way! Let every Scottish Rite Club in our Valley make it the most important item of their business at the next meeting to plan for a thorough canvass of every eligible Master Mason in their area and then to organize themselves in such a way that these brethren are going to be contacted and a desperate effort is going to be made to sign them up for the April Reunion.

Two hundred is a difficult number to reach, but we have made an auspicious start and all we need to do is to let the Bicentennial fervor take complete possession of us and make our plans for the Two Hundredth!

IT CAN BE DONE!

IT SHALL BE DONE!!

IT WILL BE DONE!!!

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PRAYER
FOR THE UNITED STATES

Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection: that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government: and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to have a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Speaking in Quotes: Men who are getting on in years should console themselves with the thought that when they get too old to set bad examples, they can always start giving advice.

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It's a great life if you weaken enough to enjoy it.

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Then there was the fellow who decided to start procrastinating but never got around to it.

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A noted French physician maintains that if a man consumes a glass of brandy after dinner each evening for twelve hundred months, he will live to be a hundred years old.

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A friend has described a pink elephant as a beast of bourbon.

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To most modern writers, sex is a novel idea.

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Speaking With the Ladies: A model we know says she's looking for a man who can fill a void in her life - her empty clothes closet.

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Card playing can be expensive - but so can any game where you begin by holding hands.

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"Cheer up," the executive advised his recently divorced colleague, "there are plenty of other fish in the sea."

"Maybe so," replied his despondent friend, "but the last one took all my bait."

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His pretty model looked quite despondent, so the photographer asked what was bothering her.

"It's my boyfriend," she explained. "He was wiped out in the stock market - lost all his money."

"You must feel very sorry for him," remarked the photographer.

"Yes," she replied wistfully, "he'll miss me terribly."

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The Hollywood star announced to her press agent that she was about to enter wedlock again, for the fifth time.

"Oh," said the agent. "Against whom?"

Speaking in Jest: The psychiatrist leaned back and placed the tips of his fingers together while he soothed the deeply troubled man who stood before him.

"Calm yourself, my good fellow," he gently urged. "I have helped a great many others with fixations far more serious than yours. Now let me see if I understand the problem correctly. You indicate that in moments of emotional stress, you believe that you are a dog. A fox terrier, is that not so?"

"Yes, sir," mumbled the patient. "A small fox terrier with black and brown spots. Oh please tell me you can help me, doctor. If this keeps up much longer, I don't know what I'll do . . ."

The doctor gestured to the couch. "Now, now," he soothed, "the first thing to do is lie down here and we'll see if we can get to the root of the delusion."

"Oh, I couldn't do that, doctor," said the patient. "I'm not allowed up on the furniture."

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"I'm always forgetting things," the distraught man grumbled to the psychiatrist. "What should I do?"

"The first thing to do," the doctor prescribed, "is pay me in advance."

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The advance proofs of a cookbook for hipsters recently came our way. Wildest recipe for salad, such as: You cut up lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and green peppers. Then you add a dash of marijuana, and the salad tosses itself.

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"It must be terrible to be lame," the woman remarked, dropping a quarter into the beggar's hat.

"It sure is, lady," he agreed.

"But wouldn't it be worse to be blind?" she asked.

"Much worse," replied the beggar. "People kept giving me slugs when I was blind."

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A friend of ours claims to be the world's champ with the chicks, and we're inclined to agree. He let us take a look at his alphabetical little black book, and the forty-seventh entry was a doll named Annabelle Aarons.

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Speaking From His Book: He that hath knowledge spareth his words. Prov. 17:27

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SCOTTISH RITE CHORUS

The picture you see here represents a significant achievement in our continued efforts to improve the quality of our degree presentations. For many years you recall, we were using a mixed quartet, but our ambition always was to have a choir consisting solely of Scottish Rite members.

When Gus Laube decided to retire in New Bern we recognized our great opportunity and Gus eagerly accepted an invitation to start building a choir for the Scottish Rite. This last Reunion marked a tremendous growth, a growth to which all of those in attendance gave affirmative approval, in fact the quality of the music during this Reunion was the best we have ever had and it added immensely to the portrayal of the degrees on the stage. These fellows deserve a tremendous amount of credit and we are more than happy to bestow it upon them. Gus Laube, because of his indefatigable efforts, not only in music, but in other Scottish Rite activities as well, was recently awarded by the Supreme Council the Investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, the cap indicating which, he is wearing in this picture. Those associated with Gus and appearing in the picture are as follows:

Left to right, bottom row: Robert E. Lee, Jr., R. L. Mattox, Gus Laube, J. Seawell Williams and Billy Kilpatrick. Top row: Charlie Freeman, Floyd Johnson, John Grant, Julian M. Sanders, Joe Ray and Marion Barfield.

We want a Choir of at least 18 members. There are many men in our jurisdiction who have excellent voices and who would like to participate in this activity. If you are one of them, please contact our office and give us your name and address, we will turn the information over to Gus, and he will be more than happy to find a place for you in the choir.

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

Each time I pass a store out in the country I'm tempted to stop and see if it's the real thing. It never is. Nowadays the display freezers and electronic cash registers and all the other gadgets can get to you no matter how far out in the country you set up in business. And I reckon that is all good, a merchant would be hard pressed today without them.

But it surely is a letdown for an old country boy whose Dad operated a general merchandise store that had all the sights and smells you never find anymore. I never really appreciated that old store when I was growing up, now I would give almost anything to see it in its heyday just one more time.

Of course, most of my recollections of the store have to do with the depression days. I remember many a time when a farmer would bring in a couple of buckets full of eggs and you had to count every one of them - often twice, to reassure him. Suppose he had fifty or sixty cents worth of eggs, he could keep you busy for the next thirty or forty minutes while he spent that fifty or sixty cents.

He would usually want a few cents worth of molasses, which you pumped out of the barrel into the bottle he'd brought along for the purpose. Then you washed the molasses off your hands. Next it would be six or seven cents worth of kerosene, this also having to be pumped into his can or jug. Then you washed your hands again. Fatback was always a sure seller, and once more you washed your hands after you had gotten them all greasy and salty slicing off a few cents worth of that delicacy. And I always managed to get my hands greasy again when I weighed out his lard - another hand washing. When I weighed out his sugar - four or five cents worth - I sometimes got my hands sticky and sometimes didn't, it depended upon when the scoop had last been cleaned up. I guess I washed sugar off my hands about half the time, or better.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Beans, pepper, meal, peas, flour - that kind of stuff was a snap. I almost never messed up my hands weighing those. And I just loved to sell canned goods, they were real easy.

Then, if he hadn't used up all the money from his eggs, there would be a little bag of two-for-a-penny candy for the "Old Woman" and the kids, and chewing tobacco or cigarets - just a few cents worth - for himself.

You got so you could weigh a pound of sugar, or slice ten cents worth of cheese, or fatback, almost without looking at the scales. Practice.

Prices didn't fluctuate then the way they do now (there wasn't any room for 'em to go down and it wasn't any use for 'em to go up) and you could remember the price of just about everything in the store. Sugar was six cents, a can of mackeral was five cents and salmon ten; sardines, pork and beans, potted meat and several other canned items stayed at a nickel.

Dad bought bananas by the bunch and they were lots better than any I've eaten since. You pulled off the ones the customer pointed at, then you weighed 'em.

I despised selling dry goods - never could get the scissors to cut straight. Ladies in the community shunned my services when they wanted to buy a piece of goods, they'd wait for someone else to serve them.

When somebody tried on a pair of shoes I tried to stand off to one side - those socks were usually too aromatic for close inspection.

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wash pan. Man! were they dirty. But those nail kegs made mighty handy seats at night, when half the neighborhood would congregate to play checkers or cards, or just talk.

Trainmen on their way to Norfolk would dash in while their train was switching, or taking on water, and buy dozens of eggs. I suspect trainmen supplied a sizeable portion of Norfolk's egg needs. They would usually spend fifteen or twenty cents while they were waiting for the eggs to be counted - sweet buns, Pepsi, cheese, Vienna Sausage, crackers, sardines, and the like.

The gasoline pump was hand operated - all the way. There wasn't any electricity within a mile of it. You cranked the handle back and forth until the glass cylinder was full but you seldom sold more than a gallon or two at the time. Then the glass had to be drained when you closed up at night.

We lighted with gasoline lamps and you had to take these little hand pumps and fill them with air each night - twice a night in the winter, when the sun set earlier. The mantles on those lamps were extremely fragile and I used to ruin enough of them to keep me in dutch with Dad. The lamps gave good light.

Small boys walked the railroad tracks with tow sacks on their backs, picking up pieces of coal that had fallen from locomotive tenders. We bought it from them to fuel the pot-bellied stove that scorched you when you got within five feet of it and let you freeze if you went anywhere else in the store.

Always there was an old cat in the store. She was supposed to catch mice but seldom did. What she did do, and with admirable regularity, was have kittens. If things got dull around the store you could most time find a kitten to play with.

So I stop at a likely looking store now and then - just hoping. But my nose has yet to find that perfect blend of coal smoke, cheese, cloth goods, bananas, spices, bread, tobacco smoke, kerosene, molasses, salt meat, and dirt. It probably never will.

NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW THIRTY-THIRDS

(This picture was taken by Reynold Davenport, 33°)

Pictured here is the group of North Carolina designates preparing to receive the Thirty-third degree in Washington, D. C. during the third week in October. This picture is taken on the steps of the Albert Pike Consistory Temple in Washington and it shows our Inspector General, Ill. James G. Johnston, 33°, standing in the front center and flanked by our own Brother Leslie Garner on the right and our Grand Lodge Grand Secretary, R. P. Dudley on his left. On the extreme right of the front row is our own Brother William Leggett of Kinston, behind him on the second row are two more of our designates, Walter Kirby and Albert T. Willis, Jr. The picture is very clear and it may be that you can recognize some of the other outstanding Brethren from the seven other Scottish Rite Valleys in North Carolina.

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HIGHLIGHTS — CHRISTM

1. The Center Refreshment Table was a popular place.
2. An interested group with Sarah Porter taking star billing.
3. This was typical - a genial group gathering.
4. Santa must have been at the other end of this picture because they are all concerned about something.
5. Santa had an open ear for all appeals.
6. They are all describing what they want from Santa.
7. Another interesting group gathering around the table.
8. A star attraction, Joe McDaniel entertaining one of our crippled guests.
9. Organ music provided beautiful Christmas tones.
10. An annual visitor, Evelyn Haire and her daughter.

AS OPEN HOUSE — 1975

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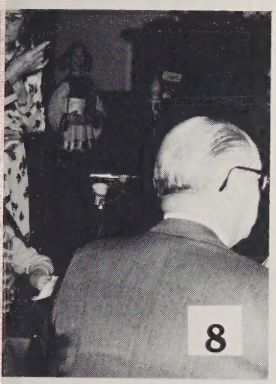
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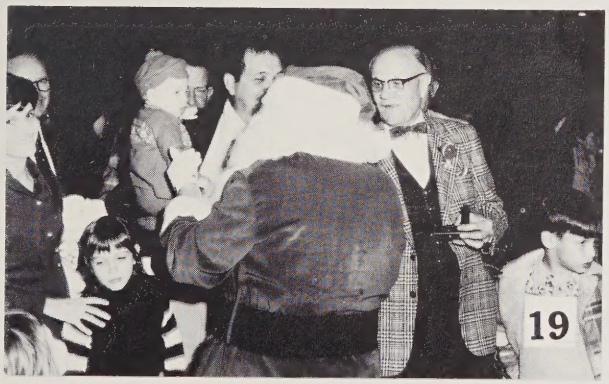
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11. Can you beat this? Angels are in our midst, truly.
12. The prime organizers of the party: Chief, Doris Scott and her Assistant, Thelma Opphile.
13. Greeters at the Banquet Hall door: Harry J. and Katherine MacDonald.
14. Some heavy discussion taking place here.
15. The Punch Fountain was really an attraction.
16. Santa listened to them all.
17. This little tot, crippled, but he has the greatest personality you ever saw.
18. Intriguing table decorations made by Mary Dixon, assisted in arrangement by Doris Scott.
19. The little one was not sure about welcoming Santa.
20. Everybody was having a good time.

TRIPLETS!!!

What better motivation could we have for our "Declaration of Independence Reunion", April 6, 7 and 8, than to have a set of triplets as members of our class of candidates? Is this hard to believe? Well, it is now an actual fact and we have the petitions on hand from three brothers, triplets, all three of whom have recently been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Elizabeth City. These three belong to the Evans family and all three of them were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Elizabeth City about two weeks ago. Two of them, Charles Ray, and Lemuel Lee, live in and work in Elizabeth City, whereas the third one, Bill, lives in Greenville, but all three of them were raised together in a tremendous gathering of Masons in Elizabeth City for this purpose.

Many pictures were taken of that occasion and we are using one of them in order that you might already be familiar with these three boys before our Reunion. Les Garner, one of our recent 33° designates, is shown with them because he played such an active part in making the occasion possible.

As stated in the Secretary's page of this issue, we are pointing for a class of 200 candidates to symbolize the 200th anniversary of our nation's birth. Therefore, we could ask for no better start towards meeting this goal than such a one as here described: Three boys, brothers, triplets! Surely this is a start that must have had its inspiration beyond the gates of Heaven itself and we welcome the opportunity to use this as our inspiration for a goal of 200.

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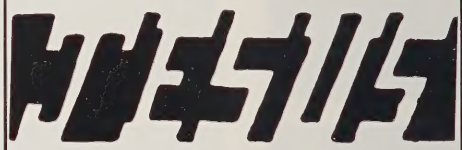
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SCOTTISH RITE CLASS — ENFIELD, N. C. — OCTOBER 29, 1975

Front row, left to right: Joe Martin, Jerry W. Finch, Sterling S. Ruffin, Sr., Albert Etheridge, Joseph A. Lambert, Irving Hupart, William B. Hux, Travis Pulley, William (Bill) Peede. Second row: P. A. Coombs, Jr., Tony L. Martin, G .O. Burgess, Robert F. Thompson, Jr., J. E. Francis, Jr., George W. Williamson, S. H. Conner. Third row: Robert E. Lee, Coy B. Bell, Jr., J. M. Beasley, Charles R. Woodard, Randolph R. Keetor, Sr., Wayne Conner, Calvin Daniel. Fourth row: John Robert Crawford, Howard E. Moore, M. Thomas Flythe, Anthony E. Stephenson, S. M. Lassiter, Huff W. Conner, James Martin Gaither, O. B. Overton.

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

LIGHT FOR A NEW YEAR AND A NEW LIFE

Masons travel toward the light, but they have to work in the darkness of the quarries! Below, away from the light of day, in the silence and the darkness, there is the stuff of actual fact, deed, solid blocks! In the secret self we quarry acts, thoughts, desires; we quarry the good and the bad. The area of possibilities lie below the surface. We are to bring up therefrom the real workmanship of the soul. There are the solid rocks of character, the curbed instincts, the fashioned thoughts, the modified desires, the definitely shaped deeds. We select from below, in the deepest self, the rough hewn stones, to fashion them for everyday life.

The service of God (and this is the mission of the Mason) means a life brought under subjection to Him. We are living stones within the temple. There are the marks of the chisel upon us, and dark groves from the picks of self-discipline. We do not deal with ghosts within the darkness and the silence of the soul. We fight with self - the real self. And how very difficult it is to hew out of the self, out of human nature, those great deeds and lives of service! Yet, how sublime are some living Temples of God. Let Masonry ever stand for the glory of God. We can build life and build it for God. This is our business in the new year - every day of our life. This is our mission. It will be in the quietness, as the temple of Solomon was built with stones made ready from the quarry. There will be heard neither sound of hammer or axe nor any tool of iron heard in all the house while it is in the building. From quiet lives of self-discipline and devotion can we glorify God.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

True living comes only from Him. It comes only to the man who trusts and relies on God. When we realize that, we know that a man's heart and mind are caught up from the point of his own experience and set free to roam hither and yon through the wide reaches of the majestic friendliness of God. Where there is a meeting with God, life is born and the sons of God shout together for joy. In the intimacies of the old relationships - deepened and purified - the mist clears away and the true knowledge of the meaning of the years comes from within.

There is a difference between obeying a set of rules for living our days and in surrender to the guidance of the rule giver. The first implies trust in a set of designs. The other involves trust in the Great Architect who makes the designs.

The voice of God for the coming year is not like the voice of man. We often confuse the two! It is not an outward voice that we need to hear giving direction for the new year. It is the still small voice within. It can never be heard until we cultivate ourselves to hear it. We must be deeply aware of our need and thus achieve the necessary humility. Purity of heart and fidelity of will are of great importance. There is no need to be discouraged if answers to life's problems don't suddenly drop as manna from above! God's revelations are not so much like a formula. It is more like a great light that draws us to itself. In that Light, what has been somewhat of an ideal or dream now becomes a personal force in a man's life. In that Light which enables a man to so live as to prepare his soul as a living stone for that house not made with hands - eternal in the heavens. It is this Light which is the possession of all men and Masons who have found the source and learning of life. Evermore, my brethren, let us walk in that light. In His Light we see light! Light for a new year and for a new life.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting at 7 P.M., Thursday night, Dec. 4, 1975, at the Masonic Temple. A delicious oyster roast was enjoyed by all, a wonderful way to begin a Merry Christmas holiday.

But as this issue of the Bagpipe will be the first of 1976, and the two hundredth anniversary of our nation, I think it fitting that we pause to take inventory of our situation.

The failure of Government to prevent rioting, despair and "threatened anarchy", in the nation's large cities has brought the Federal system to the brink of its greatest crisis since the "Civil War", a government study commission reports.

In a report that its authors characterized as "pessimistic", the advisory commission on intergovernment relations, said the historic American system of plural government - local, state, and national - is in danger.

The abdication or inability of the states, of city government, and of the Federal government, singly or jointly, to hold back the deterioration of urban life, the Commission said, raises the prospect of pervasive federal dominance in the name of security.

The Commission warned that federal authority over government responsibilities that have traditionally been those of states, counties and cities may be - may have to be - greatly expanded to maintain law and order. It said that many cities are "seething", with racial and class revolt and that many are near public bankruptcy.

The manner of meeting these challenges", the commission declared, "will largely determine the fate of the American political system; it will determine if we can maintain a form of government marked by partnership and wholesome competition among nations, state and local levels, or if instead - in the face of threatened anarchy - we must sacrifice political diversity as the price of the authoritative action required for the nation's survival".

The commission was not confident the sacrifice could be avoided. The report, its ninth annual, vitally acknowledged that some cities already may be ungovernable, at least without the extraordinary and aggressive efforts of private, non-government groups, such as industrial employers and corporations willing to invest in improving the urban environment in which they exist.

These are not pleasant thoughts to begin a New Year however true they may be.

But we can do something about it. A news story on television concerned a man who had an incurable disease. He was dying, but he felt he had just learned to live. He realized for the first time that each day was a precious gift from God that must be used to the fullest. He saw that he didn't own his life at all - that he simply was "investing", one at a time the days that remained to him.

Do you suppose it might make any difference in your life-style if you found out that you had only six months to live?

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"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

"Live life, then with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the dificulties of these days."

We live in a world controlled by clocks and calendars, and there is no way we can long be delivered from their daily demands. But we can learn to accept God's ownership of those hours and thus find in His company the calmness and courage which the mastery of time brings.

Jesus is Lord - both of the calendar and the clock. Let us then be "redeeming the time" filling each minute with a minute full of life in fruitful service for Him.

May this be the happiest year of your life.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

A regular meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was called to order on December 1 by Vice-President Bert Conner.

The roll was called with 2 officers and 18 members present.

Two new Scottish Rite members were

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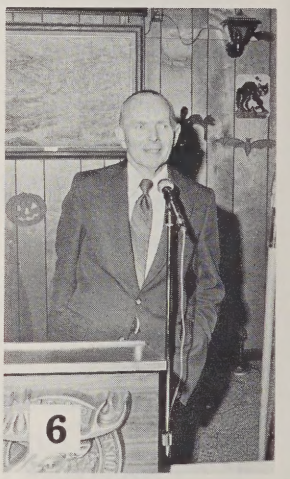
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LADIES NIGHT DINNER - ONSLOW-LEJEUNE



1. Portion of the head table, left to right: Frank Smith and his wife, Reynold Davenport and Mary Frances, Bob Pugh and Lottie, Nelson Banks and Lucille.
2. Participants of the program - Reynold Davenport, Frank Smith, Bob Pugh and Nelson Banks.
3. The speaker of the evening orating in full blast! - Nelson Banks.
4. A large crowd at the banquet just before the meal was served.
5. The evening's highlight, Mrs. Jones presenting the newly awarded red cap to her husband, Morris.
6. Reynold Davenport, Master of Ceremonies.

recognized and welcomed to the club.

Brother Harry Willis was congratulated on being chosen to the K.C.C.H.

All members were encouraged to get busy and recruit as many new prospective candidates as possible for the Spring Reunion .

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $21.93 as of December 1, 1975.

The election of officers will be held at the next regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

T. L. Carraway,
Secretary-Treasurer

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club held its annual Ladies Night Banquet and entertainment Monday night, December 1, 1975. Twenty members were present with their Ladies.

Brother M. C. Batten gave the Invocation, which was followed by a delicious charcoal broiled steak dinner. After the meal, Brother J. C. Koon, President, called a short meeting to order. Brother Bill Butler welcomed the Ladies to the meeting with appropriate remarks. Worshipful Brother Bruce Cannon made some comments concerning the local Blue Lodge, Grifton No. 243, and invited all members present to take a more active part in the activities of the Lodge. Brother M. C. Batten gave the adjournment prayer.

This was followed by an evening of dancing and socializing, which was enjoyed by all present.

Howard O. Reynolds, Jr., 32°
Scribe

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at Havelock Masonic Lodge Building, 110 Oakwood Drive at 8:30 P.M. November 6th. The meeting was opened by Club President Bro. Lee K. Allen. All other officers were present plus 16 members.

Announcement was made of the forthcoming Scottish Rite Reunion to be held in New Bern, November 11, 12 and 13th. Members present reported 3 signed petitions in hand and prospects for a few more, all members urged to contact Master Masons and bring others to more light in Masonry by becoming Scottish Rite Masons.

A committee was selected to bring a new slate of officers to be elected at a next regular meeting scheduled for Dec. 4th, 1975. These officers to serve for year 1976.

A second committee was appointed to confirm a date, location and other details for our annual Christmas dinner party to which club members wives are to be invited and club officers will be installed for the ensuing year.

Club members urged to attend reunion next week and bring in those new candidates.

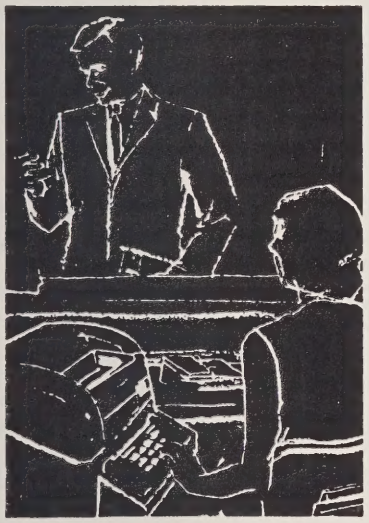
Meeting closed with prayer by Bro. John Ballard.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark D. Stamps, Secretary

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club held its regular November meeting on October 28, 1975. The membership was reminded of the upcoming Ladies' Night Party to be held on Saturday, November 1st, at Morehead Plaza Cafeteria, Morehead City, N. C.

Everyone was urged to corral any



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prospective candidates and have them present at the party.

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At the Ladies's Night party held on November 1st Brother Harry Willis of Franklin and Creasy Wright Lodge and Brother Jewell Smith, Ocean Lodge were congratulated on being newly elected Knights Commander of the Court of Honour. Brother Neil Vester delivered the principal address and it was enjoyed by all present. There were 156 members and their wives and guests present. A musical program presented by Joyce Collins, pianist, Lois Geer, cellist and Lynn Willis, Deanna Barnum and Carol McLean, violinists, dedicated to love of God and Country, was warmly received. The party was a huge success!

Floyd Chadwick, Secretary

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

The Morehead City Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting following Ocean Lodge's regular communication on November 15th.

President Sawyer call the meeting to order and commented on our recent Scottish Rite party. He thanked all for their participation.

President Sawyer reminded the Club that we elect officers in December and threw out for consideration some ideas to promote fellowship and interest in the coming year.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Floyd Chadwick, Jr., 32°, Secretary

Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club held a meeting, complimented by a steak supper, on Dec. 5, 1975 at the Ruritan Clubhouse. The steak and trimmings was all prepared by the members. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship.

The business meeting was then held with President Horace Webb presiding.

On a motion made and passed unanimously the dues were set for three dollars ($3.00) per year.

A committee was appointed to study by-laws for the Club.

New officers elected were E. B. Hudgins, Sr., President; and C. D. Spivey, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer

Roanoke-Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Ladies' Night Scottish Rite Party of the Roanoke-Chowan Scottish Rite Club was attended by nearly one hundred members and guests, including several Blue Lodge Masons, all of which enjoyed a very delicious meal and very good entertainment.

We met in the Murfree Center in Murfreesboro at seven o'clock on Wednesday, October 5th. Brother Pete Winstead, of College Inn Restaurant, served a very delicious meal of roast breast of turkey with dressing and gravy, candied yams in lemon sauce, French style string beans, cranberry sauce, hot buttered rolls and iced tea and hot coffee, and a dessert of banana pudding.

Brother Robert E. James was Toastmaster for the evening, Brother Roger Hollomon gave the invocation and Brother Ballard S. Gay gave the Address of Welcome to the Ladies and Guests. Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary of

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the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, installed the officers and directors, that were elected at the previous meeting, for the year of 1976. The new officers installed were as follows: E. J. Burgess, President; Cecil J. Liverman, Vice-President and Harry W. Penton, Secretary and Treasurer. The directors were Roger Bryant, Chairman; Dix B. Moir, Jr, William Bazemore and Frank Stephenson.

Brother Pugh then spoke briefly on the forthcoming reunions, the Enfield and New Bern reunions. Brother Jesse Harris, 33°, Secretary of the Enfield Bodies, also spoke on the importance of securing candidates for the Enfield Reunion on Wednesday, October 29th. Incidentally, all of the Blue Lodge Masonic guests did receive the degrees of 4th through the 18th at Enfield on that date. Brother Clarence L. Willoughby, 32°, K.C.C.H., introduced the speaker of the evening, the Reverend Willis Wilson, 32°, of Winterville, N. C., who gave an address on "Scottish Rite Masonry". Brother Wilson spoke in his usual grand form keeping everyone in an uproar of laughter throughout his whole address. He is noted for his wit and good humor. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Brother Roger Hollomon.

Harry W. Panton, 32°
Secretary and Treasurer

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting at Sleepy Hollow, the home of Bro. G. L. Parker.

The meeting was called to order by President Bro. John Whitley, who welcomed the Brethren and their ladies.

A delicious meal of steamed oysters was then served.

President Whitley then recognized and installed our officers for 1976. They are Bro. Donald Tomlinson, President; Bro. Claude Anthony, Vice-President; and Bro. J. T. Lamb, Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Whitley recognized Bro. Joe Doby who will be a candidate for our upcoming reunion.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

J. T. Lamb, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears.
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

	Date of Death
Henry Loyd Fornes, Jr., 32°, Greenville, N. C.	December 6, 1975
Johnie Lee Midgett, 32°, Swansboro, N. C.	December 1, 1975
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